



New South Wales

Abortion Law Reform Amendment (Sex Selection Prohibition) Bill 2025

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are as follows—

- (a) to amend the *Abortion Law Reform Act 2019* to prohibit the performance of terminations on persons for the purposes of sex selection,
- (b) to amend the *Health Practitioner Regulation (Adoption of National Law) Act 2009* to provide that the performance of terminations by a registered health practitioner on persons for the purposes of sex selection amounts to professional misconduct,
- (c) to amend the *Health Care Liability Act 2001* to void approved professional indemnity insurance for a registered health practitioner to the extent the insurance provides cover for the performance of a termination on a person for the purposes of sex selection.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Abortion Law Reform Act 2019 No 11

Schedule 1[1] inserts proposed section 11A(1) to prohibit a person from arranging for, permitting, performing, or assisting in the performance of, a termination on a person for the purposes of sex

selection. Proposed section 11A(2) prohibits a registered health practitioner from performing, or assisting in the performance of, a termination on a person, for any reason, if the practitioner previously committed an offence under proposed section 11A(1).

Schedule 1[3] requires the Secretary of the Ministry of Health to conduct a review under the *Abortion Law Reform Act 2019*, section 16 every 3 years. **Schedule 1[2] and [4]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Health Practitioner Regulation (Adoption of National Law) Act 2009 No 86

Schedule 2 provides that the performance by a registered health practitioner of terminations on persons for the purposes of sex selection amounts to professional misconduct.

Schedule 3 Amendment of Health Care Liability Act 2001 No 42

Schedule 3 voids approved professional indemnity insurance to the extent the insurance provides cover for the performance of a termination on a person for the purposes of sex selection.